

**House Bills on First Reading**

The following bills received from the House, were read the first time and referred to the committees indicated:

H. B. No. 45, To the Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 13, To the Committee on Education.

H. B. No. 17, To the Committee on Water and Conservation.

H. B. No. 44, To the Committee on Game and Fish.

H. B. No. 24, To the Committee on Public Health.

H. B. No. 50, To the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

H. C. R. No. 3, To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 51, To the Committee on Water and Conservation.

**Reports of Standing Committees**

Senator Parkhouse by unanimous consent submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas,  
July 26, 1961.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Water and Conservation, to whom was referred H. B. No. 51, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

PARKHOUSE, Chairman.

Senator Colson by unanimous consent submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,  
July 26, 1961.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred S. B. No. 46, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

COLSON, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
July 26, 1961.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public

Health, to whom was referred S. B. No. 45, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

COLSON, Chairman.

Senator Krueger by unanimous consent submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas,  
July 27, 1961.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Game and Fish, to whom was referred H. B. No. 44, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

KRUEGER, Chairman.

**Welcome Resolution**

S. R. No. 33, By Senator Fuller: Extending welcome to Cecil R. Beeson of Orange.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Hardeman the Senate at 11:55 o'clock a.m. adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

**EIGHTH DAY**

(Friday, July 28, 1961)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President Pro Tempore.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Moffett
Calhoun	Moore
Colson	Owen
Creighton	Parkhouse
Dies	Patman
Gonzalez	Ratliff
Hardeman	Reagan
Hazlewood	Roberts
Herring	Secrest
Kazen	Smith
Krueger	Weinert
Lane	Willis

**Absent—Excused**

Baker	Fuller
Crump	Hudson

Martin Schwartz  
Rogers

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend Glenn McAlister, former Pastor of Highlands Church of God of Austin, offered the invocation.

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

#### Leaves of Absences

Senator Fuller was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Parkhouse.

Senator Schwartz was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Creighton.

Senator Rogers was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Moore.

Senator Baker was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Herring.

Senator Crump was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Kazen.

Senator Hudson was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Dies.

Senator Martin was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Aikin.

#### Senate Bill 49 Re-referred

On motion of Senator Herring and by unanimous consent S. B. No. 49 was withdrawn from the Committee on State Affairs and re-referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

#### Senate Resolution 37

Senator Moore offered the following resolution:

Whereas, It is the desire of the Texas Legislature to recognize the great talent of our beloved citizens; and

Whereas, Kay Kroeger of Burnet, Texas, has been named as Queen of the Highland Lake Area Yacht Club as of March 5, 1961; and

Whereas, The same Miss Kroeger has been named as Miss Imperial "400" of Austin, entitling her to an all-expense-paid trip to Hollywood, California; and

Whereas, This delightful young lady attends Burnet High School and she is the source of great pleasure and is admired by all the good citizens of Burnet and the Highlands Lakes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the State of Texas congratulates Queen Kay Kroeger on her many honors and submits that she will be a beautiful representative of the Great State of Texas.

MOORE  
CRUMP

The resolution was read and was adopted.

#### Senate Concurrent Resolution 19

Senator Herring offered the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 19, Granting Texas Gas Utilities Corporation permission to sue the State of Texas.

Whereas, Texas Gas Utilities Corporation is a Texas corporation; and

Whereas, Texas Gas Utilities Corporation asserts it has paid the State of Texas severance beneficiary taxes for September 1959 the sum of \$292.37; October, 1959, \$286.20; November, 1959, \$383.97; December, 1959, \$392.77; January, 1960, \$469.15; February, 1960, \$438.76; March, 1960, \$443.32; April, 1960, \$337.93; May, 1960, \$300.28; June, 1960, \$321.55; July, 1960, \$363.37; August, 1960, \$353.12; September, 1960, \$319.70, said taxes being levied by Articles 22.01-22.09, House Bill No. 11, Acts 1959, 56th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, page 187, Ch. 1, which Act has been declared unconstitutional by the Austin Court of Civil Appeals, the Supreme Court of Texas having refused writ of error in the case styled Calvert vs. Continental Gas Pipeline Corporation reported in 341 S. W. (2) 680; and

Whereas, The Austin Court of Civil Appeals, the Texas Supreme Court having refused writ of error, has held that taxes paid under this Act were unlawfully extracted and that said Act was void and of no force and effect; and

Whereas, It is the policy of the Legislature to give and grant to persons and corporations the right to litigate any valid claim against the State of Texas in a court of competent jurisdiction; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, that Texas Gas Utilities Corporation be and it is hereby granted permission to bring suit against the State of Texas in any court of competent jurisdiction in Travis County, Texas, to recover judgment against the State of Texas for all amounts of money heretofore illegally extracted from and paid by said corporation under said unconstitutional law, and service of citation for the purposes herein granted may be served upon the State of Texas by serving the Attorney General, the State Treasurer and the Comptroller of Public Accounts; and be it further

Resolved, That such suit may be filed within two years from the effective date of this Resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That it is understood that the purpose of this Resolution is solely to grant permission to bring suit against the State of Texas and no admission of liability on the part of the State or as to any fact is made by this Resolution, and it is specifically provided that the facts upon which any recovery is sought must be proved in court as in other civil cases; and be it further

Resolved, That no interest shall be paid Texas Gas Utilities Corporation in event a final judgment is obtained by it for recovery of taxes paid under Articles 22.01-22.09, Acts 1959, 56th Legislature, 3rd Called Session; provided if a final judgment is obtained by Texas Gas Utilities Corporation all increases in rates obtained on the basis of taxes paid under said Act shall be refunded to those having paid such rate increases.

The resolution was read and was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

#### Message from the House

Hall of the House of Representatives  
Austin, Texas,  
July 28, 1961.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. C. R. No. 5, Requesting the Texas Legislative Council to make a study of the rates, services and operation of privately, publicly, municipally and cooperatively owned public utilities in Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY HALLMAN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

#### Bill and Resolution Signed

The President Pro Tempore signed in the presence of the Senate after the caption had been read, the following enrolled bill and resolution:

S. B. No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing a conservation and reclamation district under Article 16, Section 59, Constitution of Texas, to be known as Zapata County Water Control and Improvement District-San Ygnacio; etc.; and declaring an emergency."

S. C. R. No. 16, Memorializing Congress and extending congratulations to President Kennedy on address.

#### Report of Standing Committee

Senator Ratliff submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas,  
July 27, 1961.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Labor and Management Relations, to whom was referred S. B. No. 51, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

RATLIFF, Chairman.

#### Senate Bills on First Reading

The following bills were introduced, read first time and referred to the committees indicated:

By Senator Parkhouse:

S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 36, Acts of the Regular Session of the 56th Legislature (Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, Article 1109-h) to more clearly define the elements to be included in the facilities to be constructed by an eligible city for final delivery of treated water to such city so as to include the provision of intermediate reservoirs to be used wholly or in part for storing water from the

water supply project, and to provide pumping equipment and pipeline facilities to and from such intermediate reservoirs; enacting other provisions related to the subject; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Water and Conservation.

By Senator Parkhouse:

S. B. No. 55, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 1266 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended by Acts of 1959, Fifty-sixth Legislature, Page 563, Chapter 254, Section 1, relating to the discontinuing of territory as a part of certain cities; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

By Senator Krueger:

S. B. No. 56, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the subject matter of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, as amended, and as embraced in Section 3 providing benefits and by adding to Section 3 a new subsection to be known as (e) defining 'wages' as used in Section 3(e), Section 4 providing benefit eligibility conditions and by adding to Section 4 a new subsection to be known as (f) providing for a one (1) week waiting period prior to the payment of benefits, Section 5 providing for disqualification for benefits, and Section 7 providing for contributions, as amended, (Senate Bill No. 5, Chapter 482, General and Special Laws of the Forty-fourth Legislature, Third Called Session, 1936, as amended); providing for the repeal of all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith and for preserving rights accrued thereunder; providing for the separability of provisions; providing an effective date for this Act; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Owen:

S. B. No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act enabling any city or town to enter into a contract or contracts with corporations operating without profit for the acquisition or construction of public buildings or other public improvements; prescribing the methods or payment by such city or town; permitting the lease of property of the city or town to such corporations for construction of such fa-

cilities; authorizing such city or town to operate such facilities if so provided in such contract or contracts; containing a severability clause; enacting other provisions related to the subject; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

#### Senate Concurrent Resolution 17 on Second Reading

On motion of Senator Roberts and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration at this time on its second reading the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 17, Granting F & C Engineering Company permission to sue the State of Texas.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

#### Report of Standing Committee

Senator Parkhouse by unanimous consent submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas,  
July 28, 1961.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Water and Conservation, to whom was referred S. B. No. 54, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

PARKHOUSE, Chairman.

#### Communication from Department of Banking

The President Pro Tempore laid before the Senate the following Communication from the Department of Banking:

DEPARTMENT OF BANKING  
Austin 14, Texas

July 27, 1961.

Honorable Charles A. Schnabel, Jr.  
Secretary of the Senate  
Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that the Finance Commission of Texas at a special meeting held Saturday, July 22, 1961, all members being present, by unanimous vote appointed Mr. R. A.

Benson to serve in the capacity as Savings and Loan Commissioner of the Savings and Loan Department of Texas, pursuant to Article 342-205, Vernon's Civil Statutes (as amended by the 57th Legislature at its regular session).

You are being advised of this appointment because of the requirement in Article 342-205, V.C.S., that the appointment of a Savings and Loan Commissioner be with the advice and consent of the Senate of Texas. Please advise me if the Senate needs any further information in connection with the appointment of Mr. Benson to this position.

Yours very truly,

J. M. FALKNER,  
Banking Commissioner of  
Texas and Chairman of  
the Finance Commission.

JMF/mck

cc: Honorable Price Daniel, Governor of Texas

cc: Honorable P. Frank Lake, Secretary of State

The communication was read and was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

#### Reports of Standing Committee

Senator Aikin by unanimous consent submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,  
July 28, 1961.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, to whom was referred S. B. No. 55, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

AIKIN, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
July 28, 1961.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, to whom was referred S. B. No. 49, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

AIKIN, Chairman.

#### Senate Bill 49 Ordered Not Printed

On motion of Senator Herring and by unanimous consent S. B. No. 49 was ordered not printed.

#### Bill and Resolutions Signed

The President Pro Tempore signed in the presence of the Senate after the captions had been read, the following enrolled bill and resolutions:

H. C. R. No. 4, Granting the Harbenito Broadcasting Company permission to sue the State of Texas and the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

H. C. R. No. 8, Granting permission to Andrew W. Seaman and Emme Lee Seaman to sue the State of Texas and the State Highway Department.

H. C. R. No. 9, Granting permission to Henry Hoeper and Gertrude Hoeper to sue the State of Texas and the Highway Department of the State of Texas.

H. C. R. No. 11, Granting permission to Quincy Lee and Pat Legan to sue the State Highway Department and the State of Texas.

H. C. R. No. 7, Granting permission to Eula Mae Lassater to sue the State of Texas and the State Highway Department.

H. B. No. 55, Granting to the Game and Fish Commission regulatory authority over the wildlife resources of Colorado County subject to certain procedures and limitations; defining "wildlife resources," "depletion," "waste," and "State of emergency" in relation to such wildlife resources; establishing procedures with respect to the issuance of shooting preserve licenses, the operation of shooting preserves, and record keeping therefor; . . . etc.; and declaring an emergency.

#### Senate Bill 35 on Second Reading

Senator Moore asked unanimous consent to suspend the regular order of business and take up S. B. 35 for consideration at this time.

There was objection.

Senator Moore then moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up S. B. No. 35 for consideration at this time.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

## Yeas—16

Aikin	Parkhouse
Dies	Ratliff
Gonzalez	Reagan
Herring	Roberts
Kazen	Secrest
Moffett	Smith
Moore	Weinert
Owen	Willis

## Nays—6

Calhoun	Krueger
Creighton	Lane
Hardeman	Patman

## Absent

Colson	Hazlewood
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## Absent—Excused

Baker	Martin
Crump	Rogers
Fuller	Schwartz
Hudson	

The President Pro Tempore laid before the Senate on its second reading and passage to engrossment:

S. B. No. 35, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit on Sunday the sale or offer of sale at retail or by auction or any person who shall compel, force, or oblige his employees to sell or offer for sale certain named items; providing each sale or offer to sell shall constitute a separate offense; providing this Act shall not apply to sale or sales on Sunday for charitable purposes; to provide punishment for the offense; declaring violation to be a nuisance and authorizing person to apply and obtain an injunction restraining violation of this Act; exempting persons who conscientiously believe in and uniformly observe another day of the week as Sabbath and who do not personally or through others conduct or engage in business on that day; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Senator Moore offered the following Committee Amendment to the bill:

Amend Section 2 of said bill by adding after the word "purposes" the following:

"or for funeral or burial purposes."

The Committee Amendment was adopted.

Senator Patman offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. 35 by adding the following to Section 1 of said bill:

As used in this Section and this Act, the words "offers for sale" shall be construed to mean offer for sale by personal solicitation and offer by spoken words. Merely having the articles named in this Section and Act on shelves, or otherwise on display for sale, as may be done on days other than Sunday, shall not constitute "offers for sale" as set forth or defined by this Section and this Act.

The amendment was read.

Senator Moore moved to table the amendment.

Question on the motion to table, Yeas and Nays were demanded.

The motion to table was lost by the following vote:

## Yeas—10

Aikin	Moore
Colson	Parkhouse
Herring	Ratliff
Kazen	Secrest
Moffett	Willis

## Nays—14

Calhoun	Lane
Creighton	Owen
Dies	Patman
Gonzalez	Reagan
Hardeman	Roberts
Hazlewood	Smith
Krueger	Weinert

## Absent—Excused

Baker	Martin
Crump	Rogers
Fuller	Schwartz
Hudson	

Question recurring on the amendment it was adopted.

## Record of Vote

Senator Parkhouse asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the adoption of the above amendment.

Senator Reagan offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Section 1 of Senate Bill 35, by inserting after the word "china" the words "soaps; detergents; bleaches; paper products."

The amendment was read and failed of adoption.

#### Record of Vote

Senator Krueger asked to be recorded as voting "Yea" on the adoption of the above amendment.

Senator Reagan moved to reconsider the vote by which the above amendment failed to be adopted.

Question on the motion to reconsider, the motion was lost by the following vote:

#### Yeas—8

Calhoun	Lane
Creighton	Reagan
Hardeman	Smith
Krueger	Weinert

#### Nays—15

Aikin	Owen
Colson	Parkhouse
Dies	Patman
Gonzalez	Ratliff
Herring	Roberts
Kazen	Secrest
Moffett	Willis
Moore	

#### Absent

Hazlewood

#### Absent—Excused

Baker	Martin
Crump	Rogers
Fuller	Schwartz
Hudson	

Senator Reagan offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Section 1 of Senate Bill 35 by inserting after the word "apparel" the words "excluding beach apparel."

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Patman offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 35 by adding the following to Section 6 thereof:

Nothing contained in this Act or bill shall pertain or relate to solicitations or offer of sales by radio, television, or other public communications media.

The amendment was read and was adopted.

#### Record of Vote

Senator Parkhouse asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the adoption of the above amendment.

Senator Calhoun offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 35 by deleting Sec. 5.

The amendment was read.

Senator Martin moved to table the amendment.

Question on the motion to table, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

#### Yeas—18

Aikin	Moore
Colson	Owen
Dies	Parkhouse
Gonzalez	Patman
Herring	Ratliff
Kazen	Roberts
Krueger	Secrest
Martin	Weinert
Moffett	Willis

#### Nays—5

Calhoun	Reagan
Creighton	Smith
Hardeman	

#### Absent

Hazlewood	Lane
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#### Absent—Excused

Baker	Hudson
Crump	Rogers
Fuller	Schwartz

Senator Willis offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate Bill No. 35, Section 1, Sentence 1, by adding after the semicolon that appears after the word "footwear" and before the word "headwear" appearing in said sentence of Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 35 the following:

"Alcohol beverages";

The amendment was read.

Senator Moore raised the point of order that the amendment was not germane to the caption of the bill.

The President Pro Tempore overruled the point of order.

The amendment failed of adoption.

#### Record of Vote

Senator Willis asked to be recorded as voting "Yea" on the adoption of the above amendment.

Senator Kazen offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. 35 by adding at the end of Section 1 the following: Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit the sale of sporting goods or accessories.

The amendment was read and was adopted.

On motion of Senator Moore and by unanimous consent the caption was amended to conform to the body of the bill as amended.

Senator Calhoun offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 35, Sec. 1, by adding "automobiles;" after the word any and before the word clothing in line 3.

The amendment was read.

Senator Moore moved to table the amendment.

Question on the motion to table, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion to table was lost by the following vote:

#### Yeas—10

Aikin	Moffett
Gonzalez	Moore
Herring	Ratliff
Kazen	Secrest
Krueger	Weinert

#### Nays—13

Calhoun	Owen
Colson	Parkhouse
Creighton	Patman
Dies	Reagan
Hardeman	Smith
Lane	Willis
Martin	

#### Absent

Hazlewood	Roberts
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#### Absent—Excused

Baker	Crump
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Fuller	Rogers
Hudson	Schwartz

Question recurring on the amendment, the amendment was adopted.

Question—Shall S. B. No. 35 be passed to engrossment?

#### Senate Bill 49 on Second Reading

On motion of Senator Herring and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration at this time on its second reading and passage to engrossment:

S. B. No. 49, A bill to be entitled "An Act to carry into effect Section 62, Subsection a, Article XVI, of the Constitution of Texas, relating to establishment of a retirement, disability, and death compensation for officers and employees of the State, by providing such benefits to elective State officials holding office in this State."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### Record of Vote

Senators Parkhouse and Krueger asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the passage of S. B. No. 49 to engrossment.

#### Senate Bill 49 on Third Reading

Senator Herring moved that the Constitutional Rule and Senate Rule 32 requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that S. B. No. 49 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

#### Yeas—19

Aikin	Moffett
Calhoun	Moore
Colson	Owen
Creighton	Patman
Dies	Ratliff
Hazlewood	Reagan
Herring	Secrest
Kazen	Smith
Lane	Willis
Martin	

#### Nays—3

Krueger	Weinert
Parkhouse	



**Absent**

Gonzalez                Roberts  
Hardeman

**Absent—Excused**

Baker                    Hudson  
Crump                    Rogers  
Fuller                    Schwartz

The President Pro Tempore then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed.

**Record of Vote**

Senator Parkhouse asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the final passage of S. B. No. 49.

**Welcome Resolutions**

S. R. No. 35, By Senator Parkhouse: Extending welcome to Ralph Lofland and grandson of Dallas.

S. R. No. 36, By Senator Creighton and Moffett: Extending welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thacker of Wichita Falls.

S. R. No. 38, By Senator Creighton: Extending welcome to County Judge J. L. Farmer and other members of Commissioners Court of Callahan County.

S. R. No. 39, By Senators Gonzalez and Kazen: Extending welcome to the Honorable Ramon Pereira Perez of the Republic of Panama, et al.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Weinert the Senate at 12:16 o'clock p.m. adjourned until 11:00 o'clock a.m. on Monday, July 31, 1961.

**NINTH DAY**

(Monday, July 31, 1961)

The Senate met at 11:00 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin                    Colson  
Baker                    Creighton  
Calhoun                  Crump

Dies                    Parkhouse  
Fuller                    Patman  
Gonzalez                Ratliff  
Hardeman                Reagan  
Herring                  Roberts  
Kazen                    Rogers  
Krueger                  Schwartz  
Lane                    Secrest  
Martin                    Smith  
Moffett                  Weinert  
Moore                    Willis  
Owen

**Absent—Excused**

Hazlewood              Hudson

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation.

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, July 28, 1961, was dispensed with and the Journal approved.

**Leaves of Absence**

Senator Hudson was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Owen.

Senator Hazlewood was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Martin.

**Reports of Standing Committees**

Senator Aikin submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,  
July 31, 1961.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, to whom was referred S. B. No. 41, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

AIKIN, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
July 31, 1961.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, to whom was referred S. B. No. 44, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the